

Providing for a Vision Zero policy to eliminate fatalities and serious injuries that are a result of crashes on streets within the College Hill neighborhood of the City of Cincinnati by 2027.

WHEREAS, Vision Zero is a global strategy to eliminate all traffic-related deaths and severe injuries, while increasing safety, health and mobility.

WHEREAS, College Hill is the fourth largest of 52 neighborhoods within the City of Cincinnati and where traffic related fatalities increased by 600% in 2021 (from one death in 2019 to six in 2021.)

WHEREAS, College Hill residents are so negatively affected by this drastic increase that during a 2021 community survey, they shared that some are afraid to mow their lawns, walk their pets or take leisurely family strolls on their residential streets for fear of being a victim of traffic-related accident.

WHEREAS, a commitment to Vision Zero is a commitment to life and equitable opportunity for people in the College Hill and surrounding neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, in May 2019 the City of Cincinnati became a member of the National Association of City Transportation officials (NACTO), an association of 68 major North American cities and 11 transit agencies formed to practice and cooperatively approach national transportation policy issues and Vision Zero planning, street design and implementation; and

WHEREAS, in July 2021 a Congressional Resolution calling for the first national goal of Zero Traffic Deaths in the U.S. (also known as Vision Zero), introduced by Senator Richard Blumenthal and Representative Jan Schakowsky, recognized the urgency of addressing the leading cause of death amongst youth in this country and called for stepping up effective and equitable actions to prevent traffic deaths and severe injuries; and

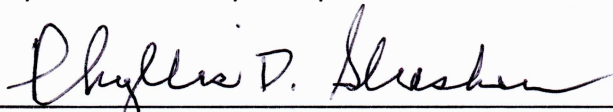
WHEREAS, in January 2022, the State of Ohio was ranked among the 11 worst states in the country by the Alliance of Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety, receiving a "red" rating for some of the most lax traffic safety laws in the country; and

WHEREAS, one death on our streets is one too many.

Therefore, be it resolved that...

The board members of the College Hill Forum Community Council unanimously supported Vision Zero on February 15, 2022. The board pledges to continue to work collaboratively with Vision Zero partners, including but not limited to the City of Cincinnati DOTE and other community stakeholders, to increase the safety and mobility of all making College Hill a more vibrant, walkable and attractive neighborhood for businesses, residents and visitors alike.

Adopted this February 15 day of 2022



College Hill Forum Community Council, [President]